

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Minutes of the meeting held on March 15, 2022

A meeting of the Lower Paxton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Henry on the above date at the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors present in addition to Mr. Henry were Robin Lindsey, Norman Zoumas, Chris Judd, and Paul W. Navarro. Also in attendance were Samuel Miller, Assistant Township Manager, Rachelle Scott, Timothy Nolt, and Steve Stine, Township Solicitor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Judd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Lindsey motioned to approve the minutes of the business meeting held on November 16, 2021. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Announcements

Mr. Henry announced that the Supervisors met in the executive session before the meeting, and they would meet again afterward.

Public Comment

Rick Smith, 6249 Warren Avenue, commented about the proposed rezoning of the Wenrich Street property. Currently, this land is zoned (AR) Agricultural Residential and is proposed to be changed to (NDD) Neighborhood Design District. Mr. Henry explained that the Township provided the appropriate public notice for the proposed zoning change, but nothing has been finalized yet. Discussion followed.

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Mr. Smith wanted to know how residents can find out what was coming and what would be developed on the open land owned by Rich Yingst/Fishing Creek Valley Associates and the DiSanto's/Triple Crown Corporation. Mr. Henry noted that the process begins with an application to the Township's Planning Commission. The meeting agendas for all Boards and Commissions are posted on the website in advance. He advised Mr. Smith to keep an eye on the Township's website. Discussion followed.

Chairman and Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Lindsey announced that she and Mr. Zoumas will represent the Township at the Capital Region Council of Government meeting, scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2022.

Manager's Report

Samuel Miller, Assistant Township Manager, provided an update on the Parks Revitalization Project. The Township is moving forward with several improvement projects this spring. The new playground structures will be installed at Centennial Acres beginning in late April, and then at King Crossing and Lamp Light Parks in early May. In conjunction with the new playground installs, the Township is planning to support Miles Connolly, who is going to install a Gaga Ball Pit as an Eagle Scout project. Additionally, the new fence install at the Gary Lowe Field at Koons Park will be completed this week, and the renovations at Brightbill Park are scheduled to begin soon. He encouraged residents to visit the Township's website for updates and a timeline of projects for the Parks Revitalization Project

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Action to Appoint Shelly Echevarria to the Arts Council

Ms. Echevarria was present to accept the appointment to the Arts Council. The Supervisors thanked Ms. Echevarria for volunteering her time to the Arts Council.

Mr. Zoumas motioned to appoint Shelly Echevarria to the Arts Council. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Mrs. Lindsey extended condolences to the families of Mary Grace Newsome and Bill Twilly. Mrs. Newsome served on the Arts Council for many years, and Mr. Twilly was a Fire Police Officer for the Linglestown Fire Company.

Action on Resolution 22-10; Opposing the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Proposal to Toll the Interstate 83 South Bridge

Mr. Miller presented Resolution 22-10, which opposes the proposal to toll the Interstate 83 South Bridge. This Resolution is like that of other neighboring Municipal partners who also oppose the proposal, including Swatara Township, Dauphin County, and Cumberland County. If approved, the proposed toll would impact the traffic on local roads.

Mr. Judd commented on Resolution 22-10, noting that it is very expensive to maintain the roads and bridges in Pennsylvania, and transportation is expensive. The upkeep of roads is very important; however, the proposal to toll the bridges came from a Quasi-public board, a public/private partnership with a P3 board, there was no legislative approval of this initiative to toll nine interstate bridges across Pennsylvania. The lawmakers approved legislation establishing this approach, by which the state agencies hire a company to maintain the bridges. In other words, there's legislative approval on the front end, but not on the idea of tolling the bridges. For local Municipalities, this proposal means dealing with the diverted traffic.

Ms. Lindsey noted that I-83 & I-81, both run through the Township, and the concern is that people would not use the South Bridge and would travel through the Township.

Mr. Judd motioned to approve Resolution 22-10 which opposes PennDOT's proposal to toll the Interstate 83 South Bridge. Mr. Zoumas and Mrs. Lindsey seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Action on Resolution 22-11; Authorizing the Submission of a C2P2 Grant Application to the PA DCNR

Rachelle Scott presented Resolution 22-11 which authorizes the submission of a C2P2 Grant Application to the PA DCNR. This grant funding will help to pay for the redevelopment of Brightbill Park, which includes replacing the playground equipment with an all-inclusive ADA Accessible structure as well as, a paved walking path around the parameter of the park. The estimated cost for these projects' totals about \$680,000.00. The grant is a 50/50 Matching Grant, and the application is due on April 6, 2022, the funding will be announced in the fall of 2022 and awarded in 2023.

Mrs. Lindsey motioned to approve Resolution 22-11, which authorizes the submission of a C2P2 Grant Application to the PA DCNR. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Action on Resolution 22-12; Approving Lease Schedule No 2 to Master Lease Agreement with BCI Capital, Inc. for the purchase of a Volvo Wheel Loader

Mr. Zoumas motioned to approve Resolution 22-12, approving the Lease Schedule No. 2 to a Master Lease Agreement with BCI Capital, Inc. for the purchase of a Volvo Wheel Loader. Mrs. Lindsey seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Actin to Award a Bid for the 2022 Lower Paxton Township Paving Project

Tim Nolt reported on the Bid opening for the 2022 Township Paving Project.

The Bid opening occurred on Thursday, February 24, 2022, and the Township received a total of seven bids with JVI Inc. submitting the lowest bid; this bid included the base bid and alternate bid, for \$947,077.24. The base bid included paving in three different areas: St. Thomas Boulevard, Twin Lakes Drive area from Union Deposit Road to Dowhower Road, inclusive of Oriol, Cardinal Drive, Hawthorne Drive, and Tanniger Drive. The third location is Ridgeview Drive and Ridgeview Road east of Arlington Road and west of Colonial Road.

Jason Hinz, HRG, Inc. reported that JVI, Inc. is a company based out of York Springs, and HRG has worked with them on several contracts.

Mr. Hinz recommended that the Supervisors award the paving contract to JVI, Inc.

Mr. Navarro motioned to award the Bid for the 2022 Township Paving Project to JVI, Inc. for \$947,077.24. Mr. Zoumas seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Subdivision and Land Development

Improvement Guarantees

Mrs. Lindsey motioned to approve the Improvement Guarantees for Amber Fields, Phase VIIIA, Blue Ridge Village, Phase 1, and Stray Winds Farm Phase 9C. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Announcements

Mr. Henry announced that the next Authority Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2022, beginning at 7:00 PM, and the next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at the Municipal Center.

Adjournment

Mr. Zoumas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Judd seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shellie Smith
Recording Secretary

Approved by,



Chris Judd
Secretary